

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 4, 5 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A server apparatus ~~capable of communicating with communications terminals~~ which receives a request from one of a plurality of communication terminals via a network, comprising:

~~receiving means for receiving a request from any of the communications terminals;~~

~~processing means for performing a predetermined process based on the received request~~ received from the one of the plurality of communication terminals;

~~measuring means for measuring a performance time of the predetermined process;~~

~~checking means for checking whether the predetermined process is complete;~~

~~first sending means for sending Web page information indicating results of the performed predetermined process to the requesting one of the plurality of communication[[s]] terminals, if a result of the checking means is that the predetermined process is complete~~ as a first response;

~~judging means for judging whether the performance time measured by the measuring means exceeds a predetermined time period; and~~

~~second sending means for sending an e-mail describing a URL for accessing the Web page information indicating results of the performed predetermined process to the~~

one of the plurality of communication terminals, if the judging means judges that the performance time measured by the measuring means exceeds the predetermined time period a second response containing an address needed to acquire the first response to the requesting communications terminal before sending the first response.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] server apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

data volume measuring means for measuring a volume of data handled by the predetermined process; and

volume judging means for judging whether the measured volume of the data ~~volume~~ exceeds a predetermined value₁[[:]] and

wherein said first sending means sends the Web page information to the one of the plurality of communication terminals, if the measured volume of data does not exceed a predetermined value, and said second sending means sends the e-mail describing the URL for accessing the Web page information to the one of the plurality of communication terminals if the measured volume of data does exceed the predetermined value control means for stopping said second sending means from sending the second response when said judging means judges that the measured data volume does not exceed the predetermined value.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ server apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the request received from ~~said~~ the one of the plurality of communication~~[[s]]~~ terminals is a print request of printing image data and the predetermined process is ~~the a~~ process of creating print data based on the image data.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ server apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the request received from ~~any of the one of the plurality of~~ communication~~[[s]]~~ terminals is a request for a service provided by the server apparatus and the predetermined process is a process of commissioning an external device to settle a cost of the service.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A communication~~[[s]]~~ method of a server apparatus which receives a request from one of a plurality of communication for communicating with communications terminals via a network, comprising the steps of:
~~receiving a request from any of the communications terminals;~~
performing a predetermined process based on the received request received from the one of the plurality of communication terminals;
measuring a performance time of the predetermined process;
checking whether the predetermined process is complete;

sending the requesting communications terminal a second response containing an address needed to acquire a first response which includes Web page information indicating results of the performed predetermined process to the one of the plurality of communication terminals if the result of the checking step is that the predetermined process is complete;

judging whether the performance time measured by the measuring step exceeds a predetermine period of time; and

sending an e-mail describing a URL for accessing the Web page information indicating results of the predetermined process to the one of the plurality of communication terminals if the judging step judges that the performance time measured by the measuring step exceeds the predetermined period of time the first response to the requesting communications terminal after the second response is transmitted.

10. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium containing a program for causing a computer execute the method according to claim 9.